

Will Cobb Again Keep Lead? Seems About To Lead League

Great Hitter of American League Wants to Bat Just
Hard Enough to Keep Ahead of All Contenders,
Thus Holding Competition Close; Nationals
Tout Burns as a Great Outfielder.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

THE COBB of butchering walking fame, seems to be headed in the general direction of his other years in fast company—the batting leadership of the American League. Cobb, who has been out with the frequency of 1911, 1912, 1913, but, "there's a reason," the reason being that he doesn't have to. No one in the league now shows any signs of finishing the year with 400 or anywhere near that total, so why should Ty suddenly exert himself?

Ty has a habit of never trying to make a runaway race of the batting business. Ty had and to let others follow close enough to make things a bit interesting—Cobb's Ty's method.

Before Josephus Jackson hustled into the clubhouse tonight in the American league, Ty was content to club 'em out around 300, which was quite enough to give him the leadership. But Josephus, after really getting under way, soured the batter for 400 or so. And Ty—oh, he went 420. That was enough to lead Josephus in a convincing fashion. Had Joe gone to 300 it's quite likely that Ty would have taken notice of Joe's bat and raised his average to about .315 or .318.

Joe gave Ty another 400 bat and once again Ty let out—just enough to make the victory decisive. Last year Ty batted only .290 or so. But it was enough, because Jackson dropped to .270.

This year Ty got away to a bad start, but in the past eight weeks he has been hitting 'em again just enough to get back to his old place at the top. His lead isn't large, but that isn't Ty's idea of a batting battle. He likes to keep competition close—and then he wins in the October week ahead by a fairly noticeable margin.

Ty has led the league seven years in a row. And this looks like number eight.

The National league is touting George Burns as the greatest American league player—Cobb, Jackson, Speaker and Miller. Burns is not an American league player, but he averages this year show him to be considerable of an all around outfielder.

Burns is hitting well over .300 and his hitting is extremely timely. His seldom has failed to deliver in a pinch. Burns is a better thrower than Cobb or Jackson in pulling as many wonderful fielding stunts as the great St. Louiser. In a word, Burns is the best of all, being to be without nerves and absolutely lacking in the temperamental stuff that detracts so much from the usefulness of stars.

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BASEBALL RESULTS

Standing of Clubs and Schedule of Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS.					
	Win Lost			—If they—	
			Pct.	Win	Lost
Philadelphia	33	22	.600	33	22
Boston	33	22	.600	33	22
Washington	33	22	.600	33	22
Detroit	33	22	.600	33	22
Chicago	33	22	.600	33	22
St. Louis	33	22	.600	33	22
New York	33	22	.600	33	22
Cleveland	33	22	.600	33	22

Where They Play Saturday.
Boston at Chicago.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.
New York at Cleveland.
Washington at Detroit.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS.						
	Won	Lost	Pct.	—If they—	Won	Lost
New York	32	24	.569	32	23	.581
Chicago	32	26	.545	32	25	.560
St. Louis	31	23	.570	31	24	.562
Boston	31	25	.552	31	26	.538
Cincinnati	30	28	.517	30	27	.519
Philadelphia	29	28	.500	29	28	.500
Pittsburgh	29	31	.483	29	30	.467

Where They Play Saturday.
St. Louis at Boston.
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.
Chicago at Philadelphia.
Cincinnati at New York.

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Cincinnati at New York.						
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FEDERAL LEAGUE STANDINGS.						
	Won	Lost	Pct.	—If they—		
Chicago	54	29	.651	55	27	.509
Baltimore	48	40	.545	52	32	.615
Indianapolis	41	41	.500	39	37	.513
Brooklyn	46	29	.611	57	23	.710
St. Louis	42	41	.509	50	41	.550

Where They Play Saturday.
Kansas City at Baltimore.
St. Louis at Philadelphia.
Indianapolis at Brooklyn.
Chicago at Pittsburgh.

St. Louis at Buffalo.
Indianapolis at Brooklyn.
Chicago at Pittsburgh.

TEXAS LEAGUE STANDINGS.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Beaumont	74	37	.667
Fouston	70	40	.636
Waco	66	44	.600
Galveston	65	48	.574
Port Worth	63	47	.574
Dallas	62	48	.565
San Antonio	59	51	.537
Austin	58	52	.524
St. Louis	57	53	.517
Indianapolis	56	54	.509
Brooklyn	55	55	.500
Chicago	54	56	.491
Pittsburgh	53	57	.481
Buffalo	52	58	.473

Where They Play Saturday.
Fort Worth at Houston.
Waco at Beaumont.
Austin at San Antonio.
Dallas at Galveston.

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WESTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis City	38	42	.475
Denver	37	43	.463
St. Joseph	37	43	.463
Lincoln	31	49	.388

Where They Play Saturday.
Omaha at St. Joseph.
St. Louis at Lincoln.
Des Moines at Omaha.
Wichita at Topeka.

Where they play Saturday,
Omaha at Topeka.
Stour City at Wichita.
Denver at St. Joseph.
Lincoln at Des Moines.

COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Portland	58	50	.538
San Francisco	52	54	.488
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Where They Play Saturday.
Venice at Sacramento.
Portland at Oakland.
San Francisco at Los Angeles.

Portland at Oakland.			
San Francisco at Los Angeles.			
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION STANDINGS.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Minneapolis	25	44	.558
Indeville	25	44	.558
Cleveland	24	45	.543
Columbus	20	49	.491
Kansas City	21	50	.496
Indianapolis	21	51	.490

Where They Play Saturday.
Cleveland at Kansas City.
St. Louis at Minneapolis.
Columbus at St. Paul.
Indianapolis at Louisville.

Columbus at Louisville.
 Indianapolis at St. Paul.
 Louisville at Minneapolis.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
 Thursday's Games.

	At Cleveland—1st Game.	R. H. E.
New York	100 018 000 1-2 10 1	
Cleveland	000 100 000 0-2 7 2	
Batteries: New York, Cole and Snodgrass; Cleveland, Morton and O'Neill.		

Cleveland—1st Game	R. H. E.
New York	001 000 100 4 10 2
Cleveland	200 210 200 5 8 1
Batteries: New York, Washop, Pish and	
Inamaker; Cleveland, Coumbe, Steen, Col-	
umbe and O'Neil.	
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At Detroit	R. H. E.
Washington	200 000 000 0-2 2 1
Detroit	001 000 000 1-3 4 3
Batteries: Washington, Harper, Shau-	

At St. Louis			R. H. E.
Philadelphia	000 121 000-1	2 8
St. Louis	001 000 000-1	4 1
Batteries: Philadelphia, Brewer			
and Lapp; St. Louis, James, Taylor			
and			
At Chicago			R. H. E.

St. Louis	100 882 886-4 5 0
Chicago	000 000 000-0 0 0
Batteries: Boston, Shore and Thomas;	
Chicago, Benz, Russell and Schalk, Kahn.	
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NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Thursday's Games.	
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At New York	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	000 000 000-3 6 2
New York	000 000 000-0 4 0
Batteries: Cincinnati, Ames and Clarke;	

Cork, Mathewson and Meyers.									
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READY TO COME TO 16TH. AS ITS COMMANDER

Officers of 20th Infantry
Discuss Possible Ser-
vice in Honolulu.

Lieut. Col. Omar Bundy, of the 11th Infantry, has been attached to the 16th Infantry in Camp Cotton and will succeed to the command of the regiment when the promotion to the rank of colonel is made. Lieut. Col. Bundy has been at Texas City with the 11th Infantry and is expected to reach the 16th next week. The 16th was in command of Brig. Gen. George Bell, Jr. before his promotion.

Officers and men of the 20th Infantry are discussing the chance this regiment has of going to Honolulu. The regiment had been ordered to the islands when it was ordered to the border and the regimental officers are expecting to receive orders for foreign service if permanent peace is established in Mexico. No orders have yet been received, however, for any transfer of troops on the border.

Trooper a Prisoner.
Private William West, of the 12th cavalry, was shot by William Stokes, of the 15th cavalry, in now in the Fort Bliss guard house charged with intent to commit manslaughter. The cavalryman was a prisoner and was guarded by Stokes when he took his gun from him and shot him through the body. Stokes is now in danger but is still in the post hospital.

Troops F and H of the 15th cavalry will camp at Lohoe, Tex. Friday night on their march to Mexico. As soon as they arrive there troops I and K will return to the fort and troops E and G will leave for the Big Bend country to relieve troops L and M.

No orders have been issued for the 20th infantry battalions to prepare to leave Fort Wingate, N. M., where they are guarding the Mexican federal prison camp. The regiment has been expected to return to Fort Bliss when the 12th cavalry was relieved of duty in Colorado. But the date of this relief is indefinite and no preparations have been made at Fort Bliss for the return of the two battalions of the 20th.

Port Bliss Briefs.
Maj. C. D. Rhodes, of the 15th cavalry, has been ordered to leave camp at the mounted service school and will leave soon for Fort Riley, Kan., to take command.

Col. Francis J. Kernan, of the 16th Infantry, expects to leave early in August for the Philippines to take command of the 12th Infantry. No successor has been named.

Maj. William C. Bennett, of the 16th Infantry, has been given a month's leave and has gone east to visit relatives.

Capt. A. O. Seamon, of the 20th Infantry, has gone to Los Angeles on leave. He is quartermaster of the 20th Infantry.

C. R. W. Morrison, of the 16th Infantry, has been promoted to a captaincy and will probably be assigned to the 12th Infantry. He has been given a month's leave and will visit in San Francisco.

Capt. J. A. Wagner, of the 15th cavalry, has joined his regiment at Fort Bliss after a visit in the eastern states.

Buffalo	430 000 013-10	3 2
Buffalo	210 000 008-1	4 2
Batteries: Chicago, Lantz, Hendrix and		
Lock; Buffalo, Anderson and Lavigne.		

At Brooklyn-1st Game	R. H. E.
St. Louis	140 600 013-2 14 6
Brooklyn	303 000 020-2 8 1
Batteries: St. Louis Groom and Simon;	
Brooklyn, Serian, Chappelle and Land.	